

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1-19 cancelled

20. (currently amended) A disposable diaper for incontinent care, the diaper comprising:

a main diaper section having a front region, a rear region, and a crotch region disposed between said front region and said rear region, said main diaper section also having an absorption body for liquids and closing means disposed at a first longitudinal end thereof, proximate said front region or said rear region; and

a hip belt formed from a single piece material section and joined onto said main diaper section, said hip belt defining a diaper hip opening which closes in a peripheral direction, said hip belt structured for opening and closing onto itself at at least one location, said hip belt folded onto itself along folding lines extending in a longitudinal direction on both sides of a middle axis thereof, wherein said closing means can be secured to said hip belt in a detachable fashion in such a manner that a user, with said hip belt applied, lifts said main diaper section upwardly between the legs to attach a free longitudinal end of said main diaper section to said hip belt in a detachable fashion, wherein said hip belt is fixed in a folded configuration in a detachable fashion, and, in a folded configuration, a grasping region at each of two free ends of said single piece material section protrudes in a transverse

direction past a longitudinal side edge of said main diaper section, wherein said single piece material section is attached in a permanent manner to an outer side of said main section.

21. (cancelled)
22. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 21, wherein a detachable fixing between partial sections of said material section forming said hip belt which are folded on top of each other is effected by means of attachment locations or attachment regions.
23. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 22, wherein said attachment locations or attachment regions are substantially point shaped.
24. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said single piece material section is folded onto itself on each side of a longitudinal middle axis of the diaper, about at least two respective fold lines.
25. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein the single piece material section is folded onto itself on each side of a longitudinal middle axis of the diaper about three or four respective fold lines.
26. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein, in a folded configuration, said single piece material section has a grasping region located on a free end that protrudes in a transverse

direction past a longitudinal side edge of said main diaper section by at least 10 mm, by at least 20 mm, or by at least 30 mm.

27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said material section forming said hip belt extends, in an unfolded state, in a transverse direction past a longitudinal edge of said main section by at least 200 mm, by at least 300 mm by at least 400 mm, by at least 500 mm, or by 600 mm.

29. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said hip belt has an extension in a longitudinal direction of 30 to 120 mm, of 30 to 100 mm, of 30 to 80 mm, of 30 and 75 mm, of 44 to 70 mm, of 40 to 65 mm, or of 40 to 60 mm.

30. (cancelled)

31. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 20, wherein said single piece material section is attached to said main diaper section with glue.

32. (previously presented) The disposable diaper of claim 31, wherein said single piece material section is attached to said main diaper section in certain regions only.

33. (previously presented) A method for the manufacturing the disposable diaper of claim 20, the method comprising the steps of:

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- a) introducing an endless flat material web to form material sections for manufacturing the hip belt;
- b) folding the flat material web about folding lines extending in a longitudinal direction, wherein the flat material web is folded onto itself at each side of its longitudinal central axis;
- c) separating longitudinal sections of the folded, flat material into respective single-piece material sections for the hip belt; and
- d) permanently fixing the material section onto a main diaper section.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the flat material web is folded onto itself at two respective fold lines on each side of the longitudinal axis.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the partial sections of the flat material web are attached to each other in a detachable fashion.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the material section is permanently bonded or attached to the main diaper section using glue.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the glue is introduced onto the flat material web in regions having mutual longitudinal separations.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the glue is introduced in sections onto the flat material web in such a fashion that it is spaced apart, in a longitudinal direction, from an edge of the subsequently separated material section.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the glue is introduced in sections onto the flat material web in such a fashion that it is spaced apart, in a transverse direction, from an edge of the subsequently separated material section.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the glue is introduced onto the flat material web in cycles.